



SITUATION REPORT TO ALBERTA JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL PUBLIC SECURITY DIVISION

“K” DIVISION

PURPOSE: For the information of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Public Security Division. This Situation Report contains information that is presently available to provide the immediate status of the occurrence. Further information shall be provided in a supplemental Situation Report prepared if required.

ISSUE:

- A summary of the updated information presented at the RCMP DEOC Gold/Silver/Bronze Commander's meeting at 1815 hours on 2022-02-02.
- The status of the trucker convoy protest/ road blockade on Highway 4 near Coutts, Alberta continuing from January 29, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

- Information from RCMP, CBSA and United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) report a convoy and blockade at the Port of Coutts on Sunday, January 30, continuing from January 29, 2022.
- The Port of Coutts operates 24 hours, and is the largest POE in Alberta. Hundreds of commercial and personal vehicles travel through this major thoroughfare on any given day.
- There are border crossings located at Coutts, Del Bonita, and Carway, Alberta. Coutts is the only 24-hour crossing.
- The Coutts POE is positioned on Highway 4 on the Canadian side, and I-15 on the USA side. Coutts is in the Milk River detachment area, Del Bonita is in the Raymond detachment area, and Carway is in the Cardston detachment area.

CURRENT STATUS:

- Currently one lane of the northbound and southbound lanes of highway 4 are open through the protest area however, there is a small blockade on highway 4 north of the RCMP checkpoint (approximately 16 kms north) and south of the town of Milk River.
- It is unknown if this is part of the main protester group or a splinter group. Members are currently engaged with this group with the goal of having this area cleared.
- Once this barricade is removed, CBSA and USA Border Patrol are prepared to resume operations. To ensure public and police safety, RCMP will escort traffic from the checkpoint to the border, in both directions.
- There are currently approximately 101 vehicles including semi-trucks, passenger vehicles, tractors and RV's at the main blockade on highway 4.



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- RCMP are anticipating that the border to reopen sometime this evening.
- CCMG communication with the organizers of the protest will continue throughout the night.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- A media release has been prepared and will be forwarded shortly.
- Social media messaging from RCMP accounts is being used heavily in the print media.
- Social media is being monitored, coverage is primarily positive toward law enforcement.

MEMBER / EMPLOYEE WELLNESS:

- N/A

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- N/A

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